

GUN COLLECTORS NEWS

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Membership

Dues:

Annual renewal for regular members, under age 62, is \$30.00.

Renewal for spouse: \$15.00.

Annual Renewal for senior members, over age 61, is \$25.00.

Renewal for senior spouse is \$10.00.

June 2008

Gun, Sword & Knife Show

Buy, Sell, Trade & Browse Over 400 Tables

June 7th and 8th

EXPO NEW MEXICO

(New Mexico State Fairgrounds)

Manuel Lujan Buildings A & B Central Ave. & San Pedro, Albuquerque

8 ft. Table \$70.00 (Member \$60.00)

Cost for lectrical hook up is extra.

For Table Reservations,

Contact Show Host, P.O. Box 13687, Albuquerque, NM 87192.

Ph. 505-262-1350. Email: newmexicogca@aol.com.

Set-Up (Table Holders Only) Fri 12:00 Noon - 8:00 pm,

Sat. 8:00 - 9:00 am.

Open to Public: Sat 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sun. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Admission:

13 and up \$6.00. Children under 12 - Free with Adult.

Under 18 must be accompanied by adult, I.D. required.

NRA Members with Card \$5.00.

NMGCA Members: \$1.00 with current membership card.

No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Dogs.

A Call to Arms

Supreme Court Hears D.C. Gun Case

By Paul C. Lisle

Last month the Supreme Court held a hearing on "District of Columbia vs. Heller". The hearing was to last no longer than an hour but went on for an hour and a half. Justices Ginsburg, Souter and Breyer think the Second Amendment is an individual right but exclusive to militia service and the common defense. They also believe that the DC's restrictions are reasonable.

Justices Roberts, Scalia, Alito and Kennedy think the Second Amendment is an individual right and that the DC restrictions go too far. Justice Thomas was silent, but his past remarks put him with the individual rights group. Justice Stevens is a swing voter and could go either way.

I predict a 5 to 4 or even a 6 to 3 vote for the individual right. Same for the DC total ban on handguns. Based on one of Justice Roberts's comments, the decision will be narrow in focus. The question of what are reasonable restrictions on guns will go unanswered and we can look forward to years of hashing out the details.

We have all heard of the horror stories that federally licensed gun dealers have had dealing with the BATFE agents. As an FFL, I have my own stories to tell. When Clinton was elected President, we had about 250,000 FFL's. Today we have about 50,000 FFL's. During this period, the size of the BATFE has increased four fold.

What you have not heard is that new FFL applicants that have submitted their request for a FFL, and after a year has passed, still have not heard any response from the BATFE. These are basically people that are applying for a FFL to work out of their homes.

H.R. 4900 "Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Reform and Firearms Modernization Act" will change for the better some of the ways BATFE conducts business. I urge you to call the U.S. House of Representatives today at (202) 224-3121 and ask your representative to cosponsor H.R. 4900.

Anti-gun Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) introduced S.2577, the "Gun Show Background Check Act of 2008". This bill, if passed into law, creates so many restrictions on the gun show host, the table holders and the attendees that it will end gun shows. The show host faces large penalties if a gun is transferred at the gun show without it going through an FFL and a background check. The show host has no control over individual gun transfers, so no one would consider becoming a show host under the rules of S.2577. I urge you to call your Senator and ask him to vote against this bill. Jeff Bingaman (202) 224-

5521 and Pete Domenici (202) 224-6621.

The March gun show put on by the N.M. Gun Collectors Association was really good. What I especially enjoyed was that our pro-gun candidates for both state and federal offices had a presence at the show. People

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working for White, Huckabee, Wilson, Pearce, and Paul passed out literature.

Lisa Torracco, running for Bernalillo County District Attorney, was present both days of the show and met a lot of the attendees.

These candidates need both money and volunteers. Historically, the gun community has been notorious for not giving either money or volunteering help for political candidates. This has to change if we want to keep our guns. Please get involved.

In February, 2008, I attended the SHOT show in Las Vegas, NV. The show filled the whole convention center and a number of temporary buildings were put up beside the convention center. This is a huge show put on for dealers and not available to the general public.

One of the many highlights of the

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Display Winners at the March 2008 Gun Show

First Place, John Eckert, "The Luger Pistol as a Pistol Carbine".

Most Educational, Bill Emrich, "Firearms of the Philippine Insurrection".

Second Place, Don Couchman, "It's Not Just About Guns: U.S. Military Knives".

Third Place, Jim Covell, "Development of a Revolver".

Congratulations! Good job by all! And a special thanks to the judges who so conscientiously evaluated all the displays!

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show was Ruger's new LCP. This is a small 380 that will give Kel-Tec's 380 some real competition. I spent a great deal of money at the show, as gun distributors offer some great deals. One of my successes was becoming a factory-direct dealer for Sig Sauer. They only sell to gun stores but made an exception for me which I really appreciated.

Charlie Dickerson owns and operates Dickerson's auction barn in Las Cruces. I have work with Charlie in the past to put on two really good gun auctions. We have a third gun auction, scheduled for Jun 14th, at the auction barn. It looks like there will be over 300 guns in the auction. Should be another good one, don't miss it.

On March 28th the NM Department of Public Safety held a meeting for concealed weapons instructors in NM. The meeting lasted for four hours and was very beneficial to both to the DPS and licensed instructors. The DPS told us of problems they wanted us to correct and we told DPS what our gripes were.

One interesting note, as of 3/28/08 there were 8851 concealed carry license holders in NM. Of that number, the average age for men was 60 to 65 and the average age for women was 55 to 59. DPS is receiving 50 to 100 new applicants per week. DPS made it very clear that they do not have the manpower to handle this workload.

When seconds count, the cops are only minutes away. Remember, don't leave home without your cell phone and your 'concealed carry' gun.

Reminder: New Member Badges

New Member badges have been printed and are available to be picked up at the Mini Shows and Gun Shows. If you are a new member and haven't received your name badge, please check with the Membership Chair.

Reminder: Dollar Admission to Gun Shows

Due to increasing costs, the NMGCA Board voted to charge members \$1.00 admission to the gun shows. When possible, special provisions will be made so members won't have to wait in long lines. We value your support and appreciate your understanding.

Reminder: Service Animals at Gun Shows

The only animals allowed at Gun Shows are Service animals. If you have a Service Animal and wish to bring him to the show, please ensure that you have the appropriate certification to present to Gun Show workers.

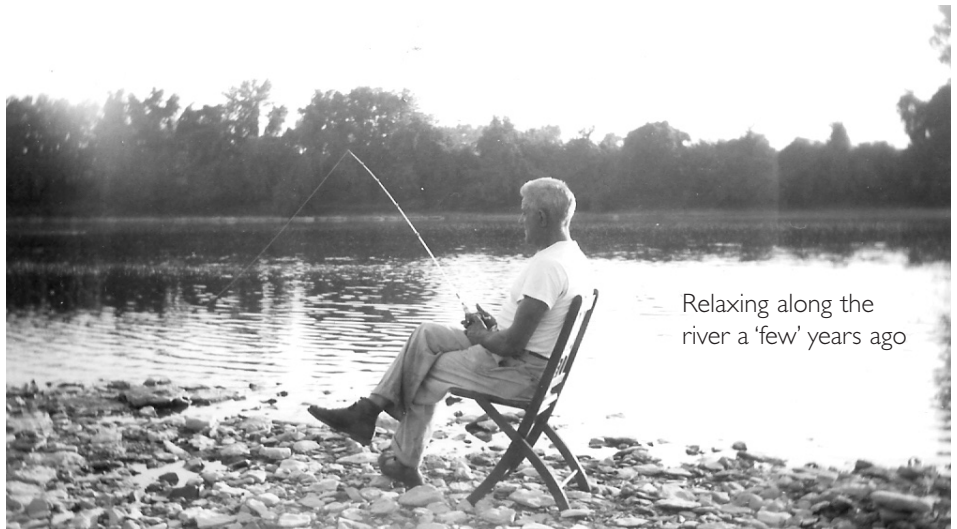
TO PARAPHRASE
GENERAL PATTON'S
"THE SOLDIER IS
THE ARMY"
THE NMGCA
MEMBERS ARE THE
ORGANIZATION!

To all our members,
please know that we
greatly appreciate your
support.

Without members, the
NMGCA would cease to
exist. THANKS TO
ALL!!!

Old West Show Dates: August 9 and 10, 2008

The Old West Show will be held on 9 and 10 August this year to coincide with the large antique show being held across the street in the Lujan building at the State Fairgrounds.



Relaxing along the
river a 'few' years ago

2008 Show Calendar

Gun Shows:

June 7 & 8

October 4 & 5

Old West Show:

August 9 & 10

Mini Shows:

August 27

October 22

Henry Golden Boy Rifle

Reminder: The Henry Repeating Arms Company Golden Boy .22 LR will be on display at the upcoming Gun Shows. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and will be available at the shows. Only 1,000 tickets were printed. The drawing for the gun will be held at the October 2008 Show.

New Members

The NMGCA welcomes the following new members: Richard Anaya, Fred Lete, Michael McGinnis, and Rich Woollard.

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